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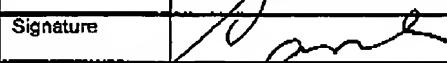
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Applicants :	Magill et al.)	
Filed :	June 23, 2003)	
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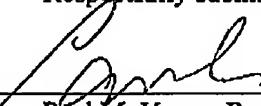
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In re Application of: Magill et al.

Application No.: 10/601,429

Filed: June 23, 2003

For: Bi-Directional Ring Network Having Minimum Spare Bandwidth Allocation and Corresponding Connection Admission Controls

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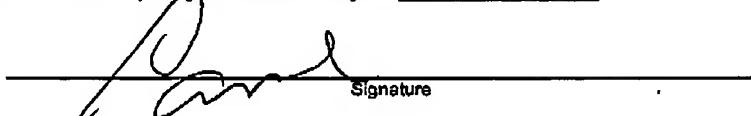
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